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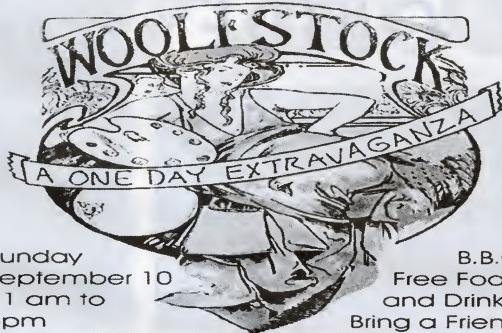
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Hint #84  
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Hint #357:  
"When riding a TTC bus or streetcar at night, women can get off anywhere by asking for a Request Stop."

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# diatribe

*Recently somebody asked me what means the Dialog Collective?.. It was really difficult question, because I thought every student knows it. This is the answer for new and returning students.*

The Dialog Collective is the group of students who publish the Dialog student community newspaper.

We welcome new members who wish to become involved in the production of a community newspaper.

Most people start working at one of the many volunteer positions. You can write, answer telephones, fax information, file, do Internet research, e-mail, become one of the lifestyle editors, or maybe even work on updating our web page.

Working on a high-tech news-paper gives Graphic Design, Desktop Publishing and Pre-

Press students an opportunity to practise new skills learned at the college.

There are a number of placement positions that allow you to earn marks as you work at the Collective.

We also offer paid, part-time jobs to students with proven experience and skills. Our graduates find jobs in the trade.

We are proud that all of our graduating students this year found jobs right away.

Part of the reason for our high success rate is that Collective members get to practice skills employers are looking for. Members of the Collective are notified of meetings via e-mail.

We also have an e-group set up which allows members to keep up to date on changes happening in the trade. Members unable to attend our meetings, can go online and join in a virtual meeting in our chat room.

Contributions are accepted mostly as electronic files. We use a digital camera so all our images are produced electronically as well. We are proud that we use the latest technology to produce a high quality product for the student community at our college.

New and returning students wishing to get involved with the Dialog Collective can join us at our table at Bright Lights Big City Orientation.

(See advertisement in this issue for dates and times)

**Hint #1:**  
**"College life is an adventure, not a race. Participating fully is more important than coming in first."**

## The View From Here

# *Tomorrow is our Permanent Address*

Allan Stokell

This is our annual Survival Guide. Most of the information in this issue has to do with how to successfully survive your year at school. I thought I would take the view of a mature student and write about how I survived the years before I came back to school.

In 1967 I was apprenticed to Speedy Typesetting Company on Richmond Street in Toronto. I was to become a journeyman typographer. That year I attended the Graphic Arts Convention at the Canadian National Exhibition grounds.

My job at Speedy was to train to use a Linotype machine. This behemoth had a small keyboard at the front and allowed us to set type using molten metal. I was surprised to see that at the exhibition there was a Linotype machine which operated not by human hand, but by a yellow paper ribbon containing a multitude of small holes.

I watched this machine create type without the operator. I was

about to be replaced, one of the first victims of automation.

Since then many millions of people have found their jobs have disappeared because of automation.

Remember when there were bank tellers?

After seeing my 'job for life' disappear in the late 60s, I decided to go into photography.

In the 1850s, Henry Fox-Talbot, a remarkable English upper-class twit developed a system for recording a negative image, thus inventing photography. The process hadn't changed much in a hundred or so years, so photography as a career seemed like a safe bet.

And it was for thirty years.

I owned my own studio and prospered into middle-aged dotage.

One day I was at a trade show and saw a digital camera. The image was recorded, the electronic file transferred immediately to a computer, corrections and retouching done and a print made in minutes, all with out using light sensitive paper or dangerous chemicals.

It was a repeat of the lesson taught to me three decades earlier.

This time there was no escape, there were no trades left unchanged by the digital revolution. It was time to retire...or retrain.

My decision to return to school was sound. I was not prepared however for the change I was about to go through. My first few days at school were the worst. I didn't know where anything was, I didn't know the rules, I felt lost and isolated from my new student community. I was very lucky that the Student Association (SA) was there for me. Someone had thrust a copy of *The Source* at me the first day I walked through the

doors. This book contained a calendar with all the critical dates, a list of services provided to students at the college, and a lot of other useful information.

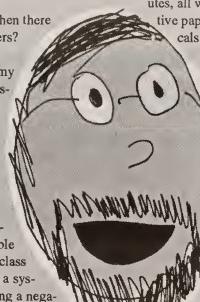
For the last few years the SA has been running a summer orientation programme called Bright Lights, Big City for students wishing to prepare for the big change we now know as college life.

I always volunteer to help as it gives me a chance to share ideas and information with new students. It's also a lot of fun and you get to meet the people you will be working with for the next few years.

See you there.

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Illustration by Edan Scime Stokell, age nine



# Go Ahead—Volunteer!

by Francis Scer

**G**eorge Grassy doesn't see how it can work. "Why would anybody in their right minds spend time working when their not getting paid?" George is commenting on the value of volunteers as he sits on a patio next to his King Street East business. "I don't volunteer for nothing," he says. "Do my employees volunteer to work? No. And they take home as much as they sell."

"Most of our employees started as volunteers" I interject. "Now they have paying jobs, but they started with us as volunteers. It got them in the door."

George just doesn't get it. He belongs to a generation who believes there are two types of people; people like him who are cynical and suspicious of those who value their community, the chumps, the people who work within their community for the betterment of everyone. George is a really hard sell. His school is the school of bad times. He is bitter and suspicious. If we weren't neighbours I probably would spend

time with George.

I see volunteering very differently. When I first started working at the Student Association, I had

far more positions to fill that money for salaries in the budget. Soon I found that students would come to me with great ideas and I'd have to explain that I thought their ideas were great, but we didn't have the budget. A surprising number of them wanted to go ahead anyway. These visionaries became the backbone of our volunteer program.

Andrew Carleton is a prime example. We recently attended his graduation. Andrew was our digital imaging editor last year. Three years ago when he started at George Brown he volunteered at the Dialog Collective. Last year he had worked his way up to a paid position. Andrew now has a career position as Production Manager at a printing company. It's no surprise that graduating Dialog staff go right in to good positions in their fields. In fact this year, all graduating editors and managers found jobs right away.

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by Jake the Biker

**S**o it's summer in the city again, and all the punters in the world are out on our streets making fools of themselves.

I thought the people from Markham driving their Urban Assault Vehicles (aka: SUV) were bad enough, now I have to contend with grandma on a CCM too.

Each issue, the editor of this rag asks me to write something about biking in and near George Brown College (GBC). Usually, I ask how much it pays and we both have a good laugh. I'm doing this one for free because there is something I really want to say about this city. I know this is the good news issue and all, but when it comes to biking in the city it's not all good news.

If you are coming down to The Centre of the Universe (GBC) for the first time, by all means bring your bike. You can save big bucks my not having

a car or taking transit.

You'll save so much that you will be able to afford to by buddy a drink at the Zone bar. I just want to make sure your not having a Zombie intravenously while

you recover in Intensive Care (ICU).

Follow this list of recommendations and you will live a long, happy life biking your brains out.

1. Go to Canadian Tire (not Walmart-this is Canada!!!) and buy one of those small portable air horns and a couple of adjustable hose clamps and mount it on your bike. The goofs in their UAV shave the windows rolled up and the air conditioning on listening to the "Best of the Carpenters" so you need a 150 decibel

air horn to tell them you are coming through.

2. Carry a phone with you at all times. You can buy a 'pay as you go' for a "C" note. They are great for reporting drunk drivers and such. I find aggressive drivers take off when they see my phone.

3. If a bike is going to be your main transportation, be prepared to dress for success. I mean shorts and a t-shirt are great for July and August but you'll soon tire of biking if you are not prepared.

See my sidebar for

appropriate clothing.

4. Driving is yet another subject. Toronto drivers are aggressive. If you want to compete, you must have a plan. My lawyer suggests that I should not advise you to be aggressive. I advise you to be smart and check out the Toronto Cycling Committee web site.

5. Last year we didn't have enough seriously committed students for a bike club at the College. If you are serious about doing biking, connect with other students, and contact your Student Association. Their web site is:

[www.gbrown.on.ca/SA](http://www.gbrown.on.ca/SA)

6. Don't pass on the right. The jerks in the UAVs don't have time to use turning signals. On the off chance you do see a right turn signal, keep to the left of the vehicle. Remember you own the lane you're in, so don't be afraid to ride a metre or two from the curb. If you ride like a granny you might be better off hugging the sidewalk.

7. Someone wants to steal your bike. I know I've had two stolen. Recently I saw someone trying to steal number three, but I scared them away. If you have a steable bike, like it has shocks, or is a retro bike, or looks good, make sure you have one of those U-locks. If you have a quick release seat, take it with you. Never leave a bike out overnight, it will be stolen for sure. Some people say that Toronto is the bike theft capital of North America. They may be right. Keep in

mind: Buy a \$50 bike and secure it with a \$100 lock.

8. Check out the great bike paths and bike lanes. You might not have to share your commute with a noisy, dirty, stinky gas-guzzler after all.

Sidebar  
Being

prepared means you will smile in the face of adverse weather conditions and you will carry some stuff with you in a backpack or side carrier. Weather can change suddenly, so carrying the right clothes each day can make your drive in and home much more pleasant. The more pleasant the ride, the more likely you will use your bicycle as your primary means of transportation.

Here are some tips:

Check the weather. Radio and TV weather is notoriously inaccurate. Go to Environment Canada's downtown web site is <http://weather.ec.gc.ca/forecas/t/print/ytz.html>

Even the best forecast can be wrong. Always carry a basic rainsuit with you. I have a small plastic top and pants in my bag. If I know it's going to rain or snow, I wear rain boots, and my foul weather gear which includes both rubber pants and top. In the winter I include long underwear and a number of layers covered by a waterproof top.

You can spend a small fortune (enough for a couple of rounds at the Zone) on a helmet rain cover. Check into a cheap motel and steal the plastic shower cap. They fit all modern helmets.

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#### Contact your Student Association

Your Student Association will be glad to answer all of your questions and comments. You can reach them at St. James at 415-2455, at Casa Loma at 415-4730, at Hospitality at 415-5074, and at Nightingale at 415-2761. You can also check out their web site at [www.gbrown.on.ca/SA.shtml](http://www.gbrown.on.ca/SA.shtml).

#### The Source

The Source, George Brown College's Student Resource Guide and Planner has reams of good and useful information about George Brown. You can't put it down! Bring your voucher to the Student Association in September for your free copy of Source.

#### Registration

Your registration forms and payments (either a full-tuition fee or a deferral fee) should have been in by July 16. If you haven't yet registered, then there may be a late fee, and you may lose your spot. If you're applying for OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Plan), you should have your application in by the latest, mid-August. There's a \$145 deferral fee for OSAP. The earlier you get your application in, the sooner you'll get your OSAP. Conversely, the later you get it in, the later you'll get your OSAP. If you wait until September, you'll get your OSAP in October. You can pick up your OSAP forms at any high school. You can also register on-line at [www.osap.gov.on.ca](http://www.osap.gov.on.ca) or call 1-807-343-7260. If you register on-line, you save \$10 and your form will be processed more quickly. Until August 27, the Open Access Computer Lab and the Financial Assistance office at St. James will be set up with special dedicated terminals to access the OSAP application form. Trained students will be there to help you; it's open Monday to Friday. Call for more details.

#### Orientation

You should find out when your departmental orientation is. For Orientation Coordinator call 415-2900 ext.89008 or visit web site [orienta@gbrown.on.ca](mailto:orienta@gbrown.on.ca).

You can also find some information at the George Brown College web site, [www.gbrown.on.ca](http://www.gbrown.on.ca). Click on Programs and Courses, and then click on Academic Calendar of Events (August), and you'll see Orientation listed.

#### Housing

If you're planning on moving down here, you should do it soon! George Brown has a housing department on the 5th floor, room 578C at St. James Campus, and in the Counselling Office, room C221 at Casa Loma Campus. It's \$5 fee and don't forget your registration form. If you sign up, you also get access to the University of Toronto's listings.

You can also find information if you're looking for a roommate. You should start doing that now. Most of the accommodation listed at the Housing Service is located within approximately 30 min. travel from the college. However, because this accommodation is so popular, it is usually priced higher and is rented more quickly. Although rents may vary depending on quality and location, most rents are within the following ranges:

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One, two or three bedroom apartments from \$700 up to \$1,500.

For more housing information, call the Housing Service Student Affairs Department at 415-2101.

#### Transportation

Find out soon about how you'll get to George Brown college. If your apartment is not within walking or bicycling distance, you should budget for public transportation costs. You don't get any special discount, but you can buy Metropass which allows unlimited use of TTC. If you take GO and the subway, there's also a pass. There is very limited parking space available at Casa Loma and only public parking at St.James.

#### Textbooks

Come a week in advance to the bookstore for your textbooks because the bookstore can run out of books very quickly. But don't come too early because if the teacher decides on the first day of class to change the textbook, you only have two weeks to return the book.

#### Athletics

Think about signing up for athletics. You've pre-paid for athletics in your student fee. To use the gym and weight room, you must sign up for a brief interview. Sports start in the second week. Basketball and badminton start quite quickly, as do the intramurals. Intramurals include badminton, basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer and ball hockey. Varsity teams include soccer, basketball, volleyball, badminton, alpine skiing, cross country and baseball. There are also recreational programs (including tennis lessons, weight training, fitness and aerobics). You can come up to the Athletics Department on the fifth floor at St. James or the gym to pick up a schedule.

At Casa Loma, the Athletics Department is in the main building. Check "The Source", your student resource guide and planner, for more information.

#### Health Plan

You should be looking into your pre-paid health plan. Your health plan includes dental optical and medication coverage. If you have another health plan, you should apply for your refund by September 29. Family applications are also due by that date. If you're not getting a refund, you can start using your health plan on September 1, but

you must pay upfront until mid-October, when the Student Association gets confirmation of the paid fees. Bring your photo I.D. and you'll receive a health card to show at your (provided you've paid your student fees in full).

For more details contact Brad Mifsud Student Benefits Administrator at 416-415-2443.

#### Photo I.D.

You should get your student photo I.D. by the first week of school. This also serves as your library card. You can get it at designated locations in the first few weeks of school and later at any Open Access Computer Learning Centre.

#### Jobs

You should start thinking about jobs. Go Back Jack's, the school's two retail outlets, the Student Association, The Dialog Collective and the counselling office are hiring. You can also check out Campus Worklink, the electronic employment listings of full-time, part-time, temporary, summer and contract positions. You can access Worklink in the open access labs at all three campuses. An on-line resume package is also available. You can pick up your password at the Counselling Office.

#### Volunteering

Consider volunteering at the Student Association. Perhaps you'd like to join the student representative council. Volunteers are also welcomed at the new LifeWorks Centre, Women's Centre, the Food Bank, and at the college newspaper, the Dialog. It gives you valuable experience and you can meet a lot of new people!

#### Career Counselling

If you have some questions about your program choice, contact the Career Centre on the fifth floor of St. James at 415-2107 (St. James), 415-4585 (Casa Loma) or 415-2354 (Nightingale). If you're not sure about your program choice, you can transfer. But transfer and register early because classes fill up fast and you might not be able to get into the program of your choice. There's also a tutoring program if you'd like tutoring, or you could work part-time as a tutor. Workshops on study skills, exam preparation and so on are also offered. Personal counselling is also available.

#### Keep Copies of your Documents

It's very, very important that you keep copies of your registration and of your receipt. If anything goes wrong, you will have documentation to back you up. If you don't have your documents, you may lose valuable class time while the information gets processed. Also, get a timetable. Come as early in the morning as possible to your faculty office's registrar, and pick up a timetable copy.

#### Electives

If you look in your calendar, and see that you have an elective, you have to have it looked after by August 23. You need to call the registration office to register. If you leave it, you'll be stuck with what's left over and you won't get

the class of your choice.

#### Drop Sheets, Withdrawals, Adding Courses and Exemptions

Drop sheets, withdrawals, adding courses, and exemptions must be done within the first two weeks of September without academic penalty minus the administrative fee. Make sure you get the proper paperwork in case something goes wrong.

#### Exemptions

You should have your high school, college or university transcripts available. Make sure you have them ready because it may take some time to get them. If you want to know if your exemption attempts are acceptable, call your department chair. He or she is the one who makes the decisions. If the chair doesn't think your transcripts qualify for an exemption, then you won't be exempted. If you already took a particular course at George Brown and want to be removed from that class, it's called a "drop". If you took the course at a school outside of George Brown, it is an "exemption" and there is a \$20 fee. You must pay the fee to graduate, so it's wise to pay beforehand. Until you get the paperwork, you're not exempted. Stay in class until you get the paperwork back. If you don't attend class, assuming you're exempt, you may find out a few weeks down the road that you're not exempt. Then, you have to catch up on classes and materials and you may have exams coming up that you know nothing about.

#### Make Sure Your Name is on the Class List

By the end of the third class, make sure your name is on the list. If your name's not on the third draft of the class list, you might run into some troubles.

#### International Centre

If you're an international student, contact The International Centre. This centre is responsible for special programs for teachers, administrators and students from outside Canada. For more information, call 415-2115.

#### Hint #145:

"Everytime you get an assignment, mark it in your Source Student Guide and Planner and note it again on the Friday before the project is due."



# Torrid Love

Got a problem for Torri? e-mail her at [torridlove@hotmail.com](mailto:torridlove@hotmail.com)

**Dear Torri,**  
 I understand you often discuss readers relationships in intimate detail, but I'm wondering if we can discuss how to meet people now I'm going to college.  
 I took a few years off after high school but now I'm ready to jump right in to the George Brown scene, but this will be my first year. What can I expect?  
 What's a good way of meeting people? Can you suggest a code I should follow concerning dating? I guess I'm kinda asking for an overview of the scene so I'll know how to act once I get there.

Thanks.

Lucky.



**Hey Lucky**

Where'd you get the name? With a name like that, are you sure you need my help or is it purely ironic? I'll assume you can't score unless you're playing sports (PG version because parents may be reading) or meet people at a nuts and bolts mixer.

Anyway, GBC has all sorts of ways to meet people—you can check the Dialog regularly for listings of social events and Orientation week is filled with fun activities. Rock the Block on Friday, September 8 will be a great place to meet people because you can woo folk with your athletic prowess and ability to catch randomly flying objects (free stuff thrown from stage).

If you actually want a place where you can meet people and chat with them you should try Bright Lights, Big City during the summer or a pub during the school year.

Okay, so I sound like a walking billboard for all the good shit happening here but it's all true, and fun. When it comes down to it, you'll meet the best people in class—you already have similar interests and topics to discuss. Just make sure you write to me later in the school year when you've taken one of your new friendships further and you've got some dirty details to share.

As for a code . . . what kind of code? Everyone at GBC is totally different and values different things. Be yourself (I know, ugh). Be nice, sincere, honest and entertaining (buying drinks doesn't hurt either). Is that what you're referring to?

Good luck and write back.

Torri



**Dear Torri:**

I am hoping against hope that you can offer me some advice. I have not seen my last boyfriend Ken (not his real name) in over two years but every time I think of the relationship we had, it makes me want to call him and see if we can patch things up. Do you think that is a good idea?

Signed,

Wall of Confusion

Dear Wall,

What kind of fu#ing mind reader do you think I am? I need details. If you take the time to write the details I will take the time to write an honest and thoughtful answer. I promise.

With the information you've currently supplied my advice would be this: make a list of reasons you broke up and a list of reasons you enjoyed being with him. See if one list "weighs" more than the other. Then go out and get stupid drunk, call him and read the lists to him. See what he has to say if he ever speaks to you again. At worst, you'll be humiliated, at best you might get back together (or at least score a "just for old times" schpack).

Write again—this time with detail.

Torri

**Dear Torri,**

I think you rock and would like your opinion on an important subject.

How do you feel about still sleeping with your boyfriend/girlfriend even after you've broken up? Sometimes I just can't give up that lovin'. You know what I'm sayin'?

Love and adoration,

Monica

Sister,  
 I hear ya! There is nothing wrong with sleeping with (I assume you mean shag) your ex. Seriously, there isn't—as long as you understand the consequences. And believe me there are always consequences.

Use your noggin before the snoggin. Will you feel like crap? Will you feel victorious? Are you bitter and pissy with him/her? Will you feel anything? Will he/she feel anything and then bug you for months with phone calls whining "but we were sooooo good together"? Is the sex good enough good enough? Will either of you give a crap or be embarrassed if you run into each other at a party two weeks after the event? Do either of you have partners? Go ahead, satisfy your needs—there's no reason not to (unless you can think of one). Enjoy.

Torri

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# CITY OF YORK

*"There was never any thing by the wit of man so well devised, or so sure established, which in continuance of time hath not been corrupted."*  
*Church of England Prayer Book*

1662.

by Alan Stokell

**W**hitby pier stretches far out into the rolling North Sea. The weak October sun exposes the Whitby fleet bobbing its way to a day of fishing. We face the bleak October English sun. As a Torontonian I had forgotten that most of Britain falls north of us as well as east. In the autumn the orb pangs a mere few degrees from the horizon all day.

That's fine because we have come to England this grand autumn to tour cathedrals and public houses. Sunlight tracking at 25 degrees from the horizon can emphasize the grandeur of stained glass and...well, the sun has little relationship to pubs anyway.

Both my companion and I are devotees of Real Ale. This English specialty beer is produced by a number breweries in Britain and even a few pubs in Toronto serve locally made products. Real Ale as the name suggests is a beer that is absolutely pure. No additives, no adjuncts, no filtering and, this is what makes it different...no added carbon dioxide. This beer is still fermenting as you drink it. Ale the way they used to make it.

Our first stop is in the ancient city of York. AD 71 saw a Roman settlement called Eboracum. They were replaced by the Vikings who called it Jorvic. It is as ancient a city as to be found at this latitude. The gothic Yorkminster towers over the old town. A honey coloured sparkle in God's green earth we know as England. Surrounding the cathedral is a medieval town touched only by paint and commerce.

"The Shambles" is still a Mecca for pilgrims 800 years on. Here as in every city in Britain there is a tourist office. Besides being very capable of helping with just about anything, they can find you accommodation for a small fee. We asked for little. We wanted to stay in a pub which made Real Ale. Sadly there were only eight rooms in York fitting that search criteria and they were all booked. The eager helper did find us room in a pub which served Real Ale however, and it

was a stones throw from Castle Howard made famous by TV's Brideshead Revisited.

Not all tourists within the sound of the Cathedral Church to St. Peter accepts the bells call for Eucharist. If you don't know 10:30 Sunday morning, then pass. If you love sacred music, if Gregorian chants make you cry, bring your handkerchief. The Nave is as magnificent as everything else about the cathedral. The sound the choir makes echoes as if in endless response to the seraphim and cherubim adorning the walls. As the priest will tell you, all baptised Christians are invited to communion. This is something every Christian cannot miss.

Any man or woman who truly feels passion for ale needs to visit Masham. Here, Yorkshires most unusual ale is brewed. "Old Peculiar" is an elixir of the gods. Dark in colour, rich in flavour, it offers itself to the lucky few who can find a bottle. Imagine it on draught! We check into our dusty pub on the main square. The bar is closed (a quaint rural tradition assuring work gets done in the afternoon), so we wander the town like a couple of ripe tourists. Since it is around 4 pm, it starts to drizzle lightly. Good thing we are wearing tweed to ward off the cold and damp. St. Mary's churchyard proves to be entertaining. Generations of brewers rest here waiting for the last call. We try to ignore the obvious patina of the church. It does look like the set for a movie. Inside, a tape plays madrigals. The nave is dressed for a wedding the next day. This is truly a magical moment. The church warden arrives to lock the doors and we check our watches...it's opening time! The gathering gloom greets us as we march outside and make for the square. One of the five pubs in the square is open. We walk in and glance at the tap handles on the bar. Could this be true? Old Peculiar is on draught!

As if a penance, Durham cathedral is nearby. Durham is a smaller town than York but the three star Michelin rating is well deserved. Where York was mostly flat, Durham is hills...some of them are real pumpers. The cathedral stands astride one such hill and is a magnificent Norman

example of humanities love of God. When other churches took centuries to build, Durham was completed in an amazing 38 years (1095-1133) giving it a rare unity of design. We decide to forgo the pleasures of the Durham pub for some North Sea air.

From the dunes we can smell the crashing waves from the North Sea. We are in Winterton-on-sea. Two months ago you wouldn't have been able to turn without saying "excuse me". Today we are the only people eyeing the horizon. We stay in thatched summer cottages looking once removed from the Caribbean. Everything is closed down after the season. No restaurants, so we wait for the fish and chip shop to open for the two hours of daily commerce. We consume cod and soggy chips as we walk among the dunes. Shortly after 4 pm the sun sets. There is still more than an hour until the pub opens.

Next stop is Lincoln. The cathedral is visible from kilometers away. Set on a limestone promontory it commands a towering view of the surrounding countryside. If Durham had hills, Lincoln has mountains. The tourist office strikes out on finding us a pub, so we settle for one a crawl from the doors of the cathedral. The Good Beer Guide recommends a local and while there we make the acquaintance of the chair of the local CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) chapter. Not only is he a font of local knowledge, he invites us to tour the cellars of a nearby pub. These are not commercial tours. Most pub cellars are known only to publicans who unlike their North American counterpart actually have some knowledge of beer. This publican has graduated from a course on the care and feeding of Real Ale and is eager to show us just how it is done. When the kegs arrive from the brewery his job begins.

Within a week we have fallen madly in love with this England. It's not just the beer or even the cathedrals. Although often mistaken for Yanks, our reception has been as warm and inviting as the surprising late October weather. It is starting to seem as if things can't get any better.

Early the next Sunday they do. We happen upon Lichfield. The birthplace of Samuel Johnson, it is the Georgian town that time forgot. No brass commercialism. No rampant subdivisions. The cathedral stones are blackened from years of pollution. There appears to be no thought of restoration even though parts of the exterior are crumbling. The welcome after Eucharist is even warmer than we have become used to.

Gloucester has many meaning to different people. Fans of Beatrix Potter think of "The Tailor of Gloucester". Historians think of the cathedral as pioneering the perpendicular style of architecture.

And so it unfolds. Two weeks of pure pleasure. A few ales, and if unsure of absolution, a cathedral. You to can customize your own trip. It is a simple matter to arrange a personal tour of Britain's cathedrals and pubs. First, obtain a list of cathedrals you would like to visit. If you need help, check out the British Tourist Authority site at [www.visitbritain.ca](http://www.visitbritain.ca). For the most part cathedrals are open every day with the possible exception of Easter and Christmas. As for pubs...if you find a cathedral, there will be at least a half dozen public houses within walking distance, some offering accommodation. If you really are into English ales check out the Campaign for Real Ale's web site at [www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk). They also offer a number of publications on where to drink and stay while in Britain. This is the first time I have traveled to Britain in the autumn and I recommend it highly. It is not as crowded, air fares are cheaper as are many of the places to stay.

Hint:501

"Always take the first streetcar. It may be crowded, but the next car will be short-turned and then you will be three streetcars."

# Ottawa committed to ending homelessness: labour minister

By Chris Bodnar  
Ottawa Bureau Chief

**OTTAWA (CUP) -**

The federal government is committed to dealing with the problem of homelessness, says the cabinet minister who co-ordinated a national report on the issue. After last fall's announcement of \$750-million in funding to combat homelessness, Ottawa is on its way to dealing with the problem on a broad, long-term basis, said Labour Minister Claudette Bradshaw in an exclusive interview with Canadian University Press.

Bradshaw, a social worker of 30 years prior to her political career, was pointed by Prime Minister Jean Chretien in March 1999, to co-ordinate a report to cabinet on the issue of homelessness and to make recommendations for future action.

The report came in response to recommendations from two committees on homelessness sponsored by the government as well as demands for action from Toronto politicians.

The most famous report came from Ann Golden, the chair of the Toronto United Way, who called for a long-term strategy to deal with homelessness.

After travelling across the country on a fact-finding survey last summer, Bradshaw presented a report to the federal cabinet in November calling for co-ordinated action between 19 federal departments and sustained funding to deal with homelessness.

"We wanted to give funding and build a process with everyone working together," said Bradshaw. "We've worked with the provinces, municipalities and mayors. How it's all going to end up, we don't know. But imagine if all Canadians came together on this one."

Bradshaw says the \$750-million, announced in November and secured in the February budget, will be used in a three year plan to begin solving some of the root issues surrounding homelessness.

To do this, Bradshaw said she looked at how people got into poverty situations. This includes more funding to stop child and sexual abuse, and fetal alcohol syndrome, a problem she calls "the lost children of the country."

"We have to look at how did these people get there," she said. "We need to do more work on child and sexual abuse so we don't have damaged people for the rest of their lives."

In fact, only weeks before Bradshaw announced the funding, homelessness and child poverty captured national attention.

First, protesters calling for added attention to homelessness and poverty were pepper-sprayed by RCMP after a rowdy demonstration on Parliament Hill.

Then, Campaign 2000, a national child poverty monitoring group, lambasted the government for its lack of attention to child poverty issues. They showed increases in child poverty rates in every province in Canada except for one.

Bradshaw ended up answering to the opposition in the House of Commons almost every day for a two-week period.

Opposition members were upset that Bradshaw's report was confidential and only distributed to cabinet members. Many said they doubted Bradshaw would have enough support from colleagues to get action.

But Bradshaw disagreed.

"When you're in cabinet, you're part of a team and you take issues on when they approach," she said. "You get the support of cabinet and the support of caucus, and when you take this on, and with my

background, it becomes very emotional."

Along with her experience in social and community work, the minister said her labor portfolio fits the homelessness issue well.

"We have a very hard time finding construction workers and tradesmen," she said. "How will we find people for these jobs if we don't help them now?"

She added that understanding the issues facing labourers helps her to see what issues face many people living in near-poverty conditions.

"This is an economic issue, not a social issue. There are the working poor who can't buy a house and can't get ahead," said Bradshaw. "They're not at home, they're working. But there are issues at play to get taken care of and to help them."

Despite political criticism, Bradshaw remains optimistic her plan will have an effect on homelessness and that the proper commitment is present to address the issue.

"Imagine if we can do it with this one, which is to me probably the most crucial situation. Nobody argues that child poverty is up, homelessness is up. We just

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With this issue, He and She give you a taste of what is to come in the months ahead. We hope you enjoy it and if you want to share your thoughts with us, please send us an email  
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#### MI:2 - Mission Impossible 2

Starring: Tom Cruise, Dougray Scott, Thandie Newton, Ving Rhames & Anthony Hopkins

#### He Said:

Although much excitement bubbled around the release of Mission Impossible 2, I don't think fans of the previous MI were expecting such a departure in film style that this sequel took. However, John Woo fans knew better.

Actually, the drastic difference in style is something I found very appealing about MI:2. While I did enjoy the first film, I, of course, did not want the same movie. And I too knew better.

Lets not try to describe this movie as anything other than pure Woo. And that in part is why this movie was enjoyable. The other parts come in the forms of Tom Cruise and his charismatic Ethan Hunt, who never fails to shine on film and Hunt's nemesis played by Dougray Scott. Scott manages to create a villain who is more sedate than volatile at times, which is a nice change from the standard testosterone riddled villains of long.

While I did enjoy this film very much, it didn't make me ready to attempt flying kicking leaps off motorcycles anytime soon.

While I left the theater I did happen to notice that although I felt very satisfied I didn't feel overwhelmed. I was given a barrage of images to feed my overworked imagination and yet was not pummeled to the point where I grasped no sense of story or plot. This means either there was no

He and She are back after summer vacation.

So, what they are going to do? Of course go to the movie.

story or plot...or Woo did his job well. Being a John Woo fan...I know better.

B+

#### She said

I didn't even bother to read He's review (we are on a tight deadline and I simply don't have the time). I'm sure it is a glowing account of the wonders of John Woo and Tom Cruise. I simply can't concur.

While I liked the movie (very actiony and dangerous!), the plot was shot baby! I am not of the mindset that an action movie does not require a plot in order to fulfill everyone's dreams. What's wrong with a plot? Apparently, John Woo is set against them. It is basically about a disease that has been stolen by very bad men and Tommy must retrieve it...and the antidote.

This requires him to have sex with Thandie Newton (go figure) and wear a long black leather coat. Dougray Scott was pretty good as a bad guy...he has evil looking teeth.

The camera work had some really high points (like Tom hanging off the big rocks and the big Matrix like high kicking) but I have only three words - TOO MUCH SLO-MO! The slow motion filming was on overkill and really impacted my (lack of) enjoyment of this film.

Guys will not agree...they will love this movie. All I can say is "It ain't no Spiceworld".

C+

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## S\*\*\* for Brains

# Last stop for the Mental Institute

by D'Alliard Smith-Jones

**S**o dear readers, where do we begin? It is always difficult to start one of these columns, so much idiocy to choose from, too few column inches to fill.

Let's go first to my place of birth, Jolly Old England, where recently soccer (or should I say football) hooligans had a lot to celebrate. Over 80,000 lager louts were in the stands at Wembley Stadium, and another 600 million with eyes glued to the cathode ray tube, to see Nottingham Forest play. Tottenham. Des Walker scored the winning goal in sudden-death overtime by heading the ball past his own goalie. Tottenham won the title.

If you can't identify with that, grok for Darpan Patel. He went to an English police station last August with questions about his driver's licence. Police say that when they asked Patel for his name, he volunteered and added; "I have a currently outstanding warrant for my arrest, but I am too busy, and don't have the time to deal with it right now. I'll come back." He stayed.

So just in case you think we are weird, I want to tell you about the World Toe Wrestling Championships. Contestants place one foot on the floor and lock their opposing big toes with the contestants. The winner is the participant who forces their opponents toe down similar to arm wrestling.. Try this in bed.

Bryan Cote isn't looking for bargains any longer. Recently he parked his \$2,000 bicycle in front of a thrift shop. He returned to find it missing. A clerk had sold it for \$15.

As we reach the end of my column dear readers, we can now discuss undignified deaths. In Edwardsville, Illinois, a woman was shot to death when she posed for one of those 'Old West' style photos. It seems her partner insisted on being shot with a rifle. Her too.

Back in Guelph, Colin Wood, who spent 17 of his 35 years behind bars, escaped from jail. Police decided to check out his relatives. Between Colin, his twin brothers Douglas and David, his other brother Philip and their various mates they have spent more than 140 years in jail. Douglas had such a reputation that when he was deported in 1985, he was flown on a military aircraft as commercial airlines would not take him.

But the Shit for Brains award must go to the bus driver who was supposed to deliver 20 patients to a Zimbabwean Mental Hospital. After he stopped for drinks at a bar, he discovered his charges had left the bus. Afraid he would lose his job, he pulled up to a bus stop and offered free rides. Upon delivery of the 'patients' to the hospital, the driver told the staff that they should be aware that they were prone to bizarre fantasies. It took three days to sort things out.

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